



PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2023

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GENTLE EXERCISE, FRESH AIR, GOOD COMPANY

Our club, formed in 1972, offers three walks of 3-4 miles, 5-6 miles, and 9-10 miles, each week, enjoying the stunning downland of Cranborne Chase, woodland and heath in the New Forest, and coastal paths of the Purbecks and World Heritage Jurassic Coast.

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NB1: People should be aware of their own fitness levels and ability to complete a walk before they start out. Walkers should be appropriately dressed and prepared for a wide variety of terrain and weather conditions.

NB 2: Dogs are not allowed.

NB 3: All walks start at 10:00 unless shown otherwise.

All Mileages are approximate

	SEPTEMBER	
2 Sat	BROAD CHALK CHURCH CP 8.6 mls Compton Down, Fovant badges to Fovant. Back through Gurston. Hills.	Exp 130 GR SU 040 254
5 Tues	TURF HILL CP (off B3080 NOT Burley) 3.25 mls Hale Purlieu, Millersford Copse, Turf hill inclosure Some inclines and could be muddy. Dependant on the weather there may be a small stream to negotiate.	Exp OL22 GR SU 212 177
6 Wed	ABBOTS WELL CP 5.5 mls Circular undulating walk around Abbots Well and Blissford. Usual forest conditions on gravel tracks, quiet lanes and forest paths. Could be muddy. Stiles.	Exp OL22 GR SU 177 128
8 Fri	FRITHAM CAR PARK on the left just past Royal Oak 8 mls via Rakes Brakes Bottom, Holly Hatch Cottage, Splash Bridge, Alderhill Bottom, Coopers Hill and returning past Eyeworth Pond.	Exp OL22 GR SU 230 141
10 Sun	CADMAN'S POOL CP 9.5 mls via underpass over towards Furzey Gardens returning via Ocknell Pond	Exp OL22 GR SU 229 122
12 Tues	THE HUB CP Verwood 3.5 mls road walk to the SANG then Burrows Lane, Pistle Down, Stephen's castle	Exp OL22 GR SU 084 091
13 Wed	WOODLANDS PLAYING FIELD NB Verge Parking may be Muddy 5.0 mls Bagman's Lane, Chalbury Fm, Horton, Haythorne. Undulating, some stiles.	Exp 118 GR SU 051 090

16 Sat	BULBARROW HILL CP Belchalwell St. Northern slopes of Bulbarrow Hill 8.3 mls. Undulating route along tracks and quiet wooded valleys into Milton Abbas, through landscaped parkland past Milton Abbey ascending across downland and woodland to top of Bulbarrow Hill.	Exp 117 GR ST 782 058
19 Tues	THE NEW WIMBORNE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB CP off Parmiter Drive (off Leigh Road) Wimborne BH21 2FU 3.6 mls following the banks of the River Stour. No stiles	Exp 118 GR SZ 027 995
20 Wed	FERNDOWN SPORTS CENTRE 5.5mls through heathland round Longham lakes up to Hampreston and back through Hampreston woods.	Exp 118 GR SU 068 007
22 Fri	ROCKFORD COMMON CP 11 mls A beautiful circular walk in the New Forest via Splash Bridge, Ogdens and Abbots Well, returning via the Avon Valley footpath.	Exp OL22 GR SU 164 082
24 Sun	ANGEL LANE CP Shaftesbury £6 for 10 hrs, post code SP7 8DF 8 mls Golden then Castle Hill ,Breach then St James Common, Melbury Beacon then Mill and back via Wildernesse. Great views but strenuous in places.	Exp 118 GR ST 864 231
26 Tues	BREAMORE FARM SHOP & MUSEUM CP NOTE 10:30 Start Park furthest away from Museum and Farm Shop 4.0 mls The Rookery, Long Steeple Lane, Whistbury Manor Stud, St Leonard's Church, Whitsbury Wood. Good Tracks & Paths undulating with 1 steady rise for third of a mile.	Exp OL22 GR SU 151 187
27 Wed	BLACKWATER CP Rhinefield Ornamental Drive 5.3 mls by cycle trail to Bank returning via Brink Wood. Mostly gravel tracks.	Exp OL22 GR SU 268 047
30 Sat	BEACHERN WOOD CP 8.5 mls Clockwise circular of Brockenhurst	Exp OL22 GR SU 284 026
OCTOBER		
3 Tues	GODSHILL CP w3w: eaten.warmers.wildfires Post code: SP6 2LW 3.8 mls Godshill Inclosure, Woodgreen, Castle Hill, Godshill Wood.	Exp OL22 GR SU 177 160
4 Wed	POTTERNE PARK CP (Tennis Cts) 5.5 mls Walk through Moors Valley to the viewpoint and back	Exp OL22 GR SU 096 074
6 Fri	ABBOTS WELL CP 8.4 mls Hasley Inclosure, Slodden Inclosure to Fritham. Back via Amberwood Inclosure. May be muddy.	Exp OL22 GR SU 178 127
8 Sun	DINTON PARK NT CP free but small so please car share What3words: flattens.mows.releases 7.5 mls Dinton, Baverstock & Compton Chamberlayne. This walk takes in ancient woodland, country lanes and villages, with views of the Fovant military badges and over Cranborne Chase. Some sections of woodland paths are overgrown so long trousers and sleeves are recommended	Exp 130 GR SU 010 316
10 Tues	HIGHCLIFFE CASTLE CP (80p for 4 hrs) 3.0 mls Via Beach to Mudeford return via Steamer Point Nature reserve, slight incline. Coffee & Cake or stay for lunch at Castle at finish??	Exp OL22 GR SZ 204 932
11 Wed	STRECHE ROAD CP Wareham Note - parking charges apply or park off road nearby if possible 6 mls Town Walls, Poole Harbour Trail, banks of River Frome. Muddy if wet weather.	Exp OL15 GR SY 920 874
14 Sat	MARTIN DOWN NATURE RESERVE 10 mls Via Bower and Broad Chalke. One steep descent down Marleycombe Hill (poles advised if the weather has been wet) otherwise gently undulating and mainly on good tracks.	Exp 118 GR SU 037 202
17 Tues	MILKHAM CP 3.75 mls Milkham Inclosure and Roe Inclosure - mainly on cycle tracks but some paths that may be muddy.	Exp OL22 GR SU 217 102

18 Wed	HIGHCLIFFE CASTLE CP (80p for 4 hrs) meet near toilets 6 mls Steamer Point, over golf course, Nea Meadows Nature Reserve, Hinton Admiral, Chewton Common & Bunny, and back along the shore.	Exp OL22 GR SZ 204 932
20 Fri	OLD WARDOUR CASTLE** English Heritage free CP 9.4 mls in 2 parts. 6 mls quite hilly, easterly loop to and through Swallowcliffe Wood returning to the Castle for picnic lunch within the castle grounds (£5.50 concession) and free time to explore the ruins. A strenuous walk with 1,000 ft cumulative ascent. 3.4 mls westerly loop after lunch passing in front of New Wardour Castle. Walk either or both parts.	Exp 118 GR ST 938 262
22 Sun	Walk not submitted	
24 Tues	RINGWOOD ROAD Ashley Heath by pedestrian footbridge Service Road parallel to A31, nearest post code BH24 2NT. Please park one side only 3 mls walk to the Avon Heath Country Park Visitor Centre for coffee and return.	Exp OL22 GR SU 122 038
25 Wed	WIN GREEN CP 5.5 mls Ashcombe bottom, Tollard Royal, Ox Drove. Undulating with long gradual rise from Tollard.	Exp 118 GR ST 923 205
28 Sat	HARDY MONUMENT NT CP free to NT members w3w: abundance.solve.headboard 9.2 mls - Hardy Monument, Black Down Barn, South Dorset Ridgeway, Abbotsbury, Macmillan Way, Tarrents Hill, Littlebredy, Smitten Corner.	Exp OL15 GR SY 613 876
31 Tues	WEST MOORS MEMORIAL HALL CP 4 mls Holt Heath environs via Candlewick Farm, Whitesheet and Newmans Lane. Likely to be some mud	Exp OL22 GR SU 078 032 Leader John Miller 07871 793280
NOVEMBER		
1 Wed	BOLDERWOOD CP 5.3 mls Highland water Inclosure. Acres Down, Holmhill Inclosure. May be muddy.	Exp OL22 GR SU 244 083
3 Fri	CRANBORNE GARDEN CENTRE CP Please park at the far end and consider taking refreshments on return. 8.5 mls circular route crossing Dorset Cursus twice returning via Jacks Hedge Corner.	Exp 118 GR SU 055 131
5 Sun	WALKABOUT 6 from Potterne Park by Tennis Cts 7 mls Verwood Circular, some road walking. Lunch stop planned, but opportunities to join or leave the walk en-route at your convenience	Exp OL22 GR SU 096 074
7 Tues	WEST MOORS MEMORIAL HALL CP 4 mls Holt Heath environs via Newmans Farm South, Cross Keys PH and Crooked Withies Farm Lane. There will be some mud.	Exp OL22 GR SU 078 032
8 Wed	RINGWOOD ROAD Ashley Heath by pedestrian footbridge Service Road parallel to A31, nearest post code BH24 2NT. Please park one side only 5.5 mls walk around Avon Heath Country Park, calling at the Visitor Centre. All-weather tracks but might be a little standing water in places.	Exp OL22 GR SU 122 038
11 Sat	Walk not submitted	
14 Tues	PAMPHILL GREEN CP 3.5 mls passing Lacy Church, a section along the river Stour and incorporating open Meadowland,. Mostly flat with 5 'V' shaped stiles. Can be muddy after rain.	Exp 118 GR ST 990 007
15 Wed	SHAPWICK CHURCH CP 5.7 mls over farmland and droves to Tarrant Crawford returning along the Stour Valley Way. Several stiles.	Exp 118 GR ST 937 017
17 Fri	WINDY CORNER Tarrant Rushton Airfield (roadside parking) 8 mls around the airfield and The Tarrants, could be muddy	Exp 118 GR ST 950 062
19 Sun	BRANKSOME CHINE GARDENS Park in St Aldhelms Close Poole near the chine BH13 6BW 7.25 mls Down one side of chine towards the beach and then across posh Poole to Luscombe Valley Nature Reserve then along beach front back to the chine and up the other side.	Exp OL15 GR SZ 058 915

21 Tues	POTTERS WHEEL CP 3.5 mls a linear walk to Three Legged Cross returning by X6 bus, possibly coffee at Hillier's garden centre. Remember your bus pass!	Exp OL22 GR SU 087 091
22 Wed	DURLEY CHINE CP or park on West Cliff Road and walk down Meet outside Harvester Pub 5.5 mls along the beachfront to Central then Upper Gardens to and around Coy Pond and back around other side of gardens.	Exp OL 22 GR SZ 078 906
25 Sat	CROSS KEYS PH Mannington (Please park to the far left of the pub as you drive into CP) w3w: alarming.storming.caged 9.6 mls Holt Heath Nature Reserve, Knobbs Crook, Woodlands Farm, Haythorn, Horton Tower, Ferndown Forest, Paradise Farmhouse, Bull Barrow.	Exp 118 GR SU 062 047
28 Tues	PICKET POST CP 3.7 mls Picket Plain, Ridley Wood, Harvest Slade	Exp OL22 GR SU 192 058
29 Wed	WALKABOUT 4 from Potterne Park by Tennis Cts 5.8 mls via Ebblake to the Lookout then Tree Top Trail, Hawk House and Visitor Centre	Exp OL22 GR SU 096 074

**[Old Wardour Castle](#) was once one of the most daring and innovative homes in Britain. It was built in the 14th century as a lightly fortified luxury residence for comfortable living and lavish entertainment. This was formerly the home of the Arundell family before it was besieged and damaged in the Civil War. It was left as a landscape feature of the parkland of the new house. The castle was the inspiration for the one featured in the film 'Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves'. Explore the grotto and the castle rooms, climb the circular stairs to the top where you can see for miles across the lake and surrounding countryside. There's plenty of space for picnics under the cover of the age old trees.

[New Wardour Castle](#) is a Grade I listed English country house, built for the Arundell family. The house is of Palladian style, designed by the architect James Paine, with additions by Giacomo Quarenghi, who was a principal architect of the Imperial Russian capital city, Saint Petersburg. The building of the house was begun in 1769 and completed in 1776, with additional buildings being added in the 1970s and 1980s. From 1961 to 1990, it was the home of Cranborne Chase School, an independent boarding school for girls.

FIND THE WALK START POINT: Use <http://www.streetmap.co.uk> Enter the Grid Ref e.g. SU962032 in the "GO" box and the map location will appear. To convert to Post Code, what3words or other ref. for SAT NAV click on "here" below white arrow below the Map.

DISCLAIMER: A third-party Insurance is held by the Club, **which does not cover personal indemnity**. The Club or any of its agents acting on behalf of the Club shall not be held responsible for the death, injury, accident or damage, etc to the person or property of any member, guest or any other person, arising from participation in any of the activities advertised in the Club's programme.

Third Party Damage or Accidents to any person on a walk should be reported immediately to the Club secretary.